

REMARKS

The Final Action dated November 2, 2006, has been carefully considered and the above-supplemental amendments are made to the Claims as presented in Applicant's February 1, 2007, Amendment to improve the clarity of the Claims. Reconsideration is requested based upon the Claims presented herein.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned and the Applicant during the telephone interviews held on March 18, 2008 and on March 27, 2008. During those interviews, the undersigned and Applicant explained the invention defined in Claim 1, which the Examiner had indicated was difficult to understand and discussed Proposed Amendments. No agreement was reached.

The present Supplemental Amendment presents an amended Claim 1 in an effort to improve the clarity of the Claim, which has been amended from the language of the Claim 1 at the time of the February 1, 2007 Amendment. No reduction of claim scope is intended.

New Claims 21-24 are also presented, of which Claims 21 and 22 are independent. Claims 21 and 22 are simplified from Claim 1 and present different aspects of the invention. Claim 21 is based upon Claim 1 from Applicant's October 17, 2005 Amendment, which had made formal amendments to Claim 1 after the Examiner had indicated its allowability. New Claim 21, however, also includes additional amendments made to more clearly define the patentability of the Claim over the prior art, in particular, Ouyang. Claim 22 presents the invention in a streamlined manner with fewer limitations. The amendments to Claim, 1 and each of Claims 21-24 are supported, for example, in Fig. 13, Fig. 1 and Pars. 81 and 117 of the Specification.

Although each of Claims 1, 21 and 22 presents the invention in different language, each of these Claims includes the distinguishing features of the invention that 1) a keystroke on a key that

has a printable or pre-conversion symbol assigned to it generates a symbol-input-end symbol applicable to a previously displayed pre-conversion symbol of a sequence of pre-conversion symbols, causing input of the previously display pre-conversion symbol, and can permit conversion of said input sequence of pre-conversion symbols corresponding to a post-conversion symbol, while 2) also immediately causing display (but not input) of a pre-conversion symbol assigned to the last-pressed key for later possible input and inclusion in a subsequent sequence of pre-conversion symbols. As discussed in Applicant's Amendment dated February 2, 2007 (subsequently entered as a Preliminary Amendment in connection with the RCE filed August 1, 2007), the arguments of which need not be repeated and are hereby relied upon by reference, these features are absent from the prior art of record, including Ouyang.

For the Examiner's convenience in comparing new Claim 21 to the October 17, 2005 version of Claim 1, a "markup" version of version of new Claim 21 comparing it to the October 17, 2005 version of Claim 1 is attached as an Appendix.

Applicant also herewith submits new Claim 1 and two new Claims 23 and 24, to be dependent upon Claim 21, for the Examiner's consideration. Dependent Claim 23 recites a clause defining the "subsequence" of the trigger sequence, using language taken substantially directly from the second page of Par. 81 of the Specification. Dependent Claim 24 defines an aspect of the invention in keeping with the Examiner's suggestions for language during the Interview. These Claims are submitted to be allowable for all of the reasons stated above with respect to independent Claims 1, 21 and 22, as well as by virtue of the additional limitations of these Claims..

Please charge the additional fee of \$620.00 for two additional independent Claims and four total Claims above 20 to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due; however, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is

hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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21. (New) A text-entry system based on trigger sequences comprising

- 1) a plurality of keys,
- 2) a plurality of pre-conversion symbols,
- 3) a plurality of post-conversion symbols, each of said post-conversion symbols set in a correspondence to a sequence of said pre-conversion symbols,
- 4) a plurality of symbol-input-end symbols,
- 5) a display to display symbols,
- 6) a first mechanism to display said pre-conversion symbols in response to keystrokes, and
- 7) a second mechanism to recognize trigger sequences and thereby trigger conversion

of a pre-conversion sequence comprising at least one said pre-conversion symbol displayed on said display by said first mechanism to a plurality of post-conversion symbols, said trigger sequences comprising a subsequence of said keystrokes, said subsequence comprising at least two of said keystrokes such that

the first of said subsequence said keystrokes causes said first mechanism to

display a first said pre-conversion symbol,

the second of said keystroke in said subsequence generates one of said symbol-

input-end symbols, where said generated symbol-input-end symbols applies to said

displayed pre-conversion symbol to cause input of said displayed pre-conversion symbol

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where said second keystroke does not additionally display any of said pre-conversion symbols which follow said one pre-conversion symbol in any sequence of said pre-conversion symbols which corresponds to one of said post-conversion symbols,

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whereby following generation one of said symbol-input-end symbols and upon recognition of one of said trigger sequences , conversion of a plurality of said displayed pre-conversion symbols to one of said plurality of said post-conversion symbols is effected without the need for a keystroke on a dedicated convert key, and in instances where said second keystroke is on a key having at least one pre-conversion symbol assigned to it, also immediately causing display of a pre-conversion symbol assigned to said key for later possible input and inclusion in a subsequent sequence of pre-conversion symbols.

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